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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

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: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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Special Assistant to the DCI

SUBJECT

: APEX Staffing

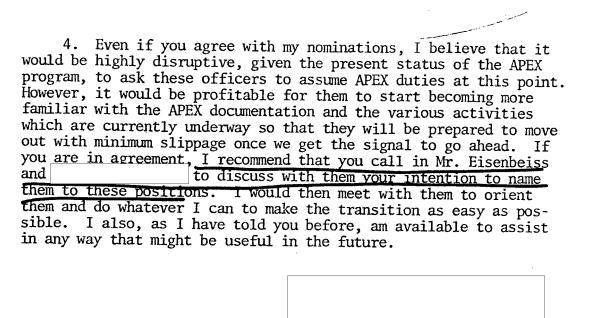
- 1. Given the present status of the APEX program, I believe you will agree with me that we are not yet at the point where the APEX Steering Group and its supporting staff can be established. Nevertheless, I believe we should be in a position to move out quickly if we do manage to get approval to start the program.
- 2. I have discussed with you previously my intention of nominating Harry Eisenbeiss. Director of Central Reference, for the position of SA/DCI/Compartmentation and Chairman of the APEX Steering Group. I have cleared this nomination with NFAC and Mr. Eisenbeiss is aware that his name is being put forward. No other member of the Community has nominated a person for this position. I believe that Harry has all the requirements for the position. He is an extremely capable officer who has the requisite familiarity with the security problems APEX is designed to handle, and also has the broad experience that makes him keenly aware of the other equities in the Community. He also has the firm touch and determination that will be needed during the formative months of implementing the APEX program.
- for a position on the APEX Steering Group's permanent Staff. Bob, as you know, is currently on a rotational assignment with the Office of the DCI and he is in charge of your security protection. He has a long background in Security, particularly in those activities protected by compartmentation systems. He was the panel chairman and principal author for Annex III of the APEX report, that annex dealing with operational compartments and subcompartments. He is very well respected in the Community, is properly motivated toward the goals and objectives of the APEX system, and I believe he would be a very strong member of the staff. I have discussed this nomination with Bob Gambino who is reluctant to let go, but I believe he would, nevertheless, acquiesce in such an appointment.

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